



STATE OF WASHINGTON  
**DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES**  
ECONOMIC SERVICES ADMINISTRATION  
*PO Box 45070, Olympia WA 98504-5010*

September 13, 2010

Dear Tribal Leader:

We are contacting you to ask for your help in Washington State's efforts to improve outcomes for families and children in our Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program known as "WorkFirst." With the signing of Engrossed Second Substitute House Bill 3141 on April 1, 2010, the Governor directed the WorkFirst Subcabinet to "examine best practices to meet the needs of WorkFirst families to obtain employment and achieve family self-sufficiency, to provide a report by December 2010, and plan to implement best practices that are sustainable."

We have seen an increase in the number of families seeking WorkFirst services during a period in which state revenues available to meet these needs have been decreasing. It is more important than ever that we maximize limited resources and accomplish better results for families.

We believe it is essential to the success of our WorkFirst Re-examination initiative to seek input from all sources in our examination of ways we can improve WorkFirst services. To that end, we would like to discuss and learn from the successful practices being used by Tribal TANF programs in serving clients.

For these purposes, Colleen Cawston, Director of the Department's Office of Indian Policy, would like to meet with tribal representatives to gather input on best practices. We have scheduled this meeting for Wednesday, September 29, 2010, at the Tulalip Resort-Casino, from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. in the Chinook 1 Meeting Room. Please see the following link for directions:

<http://www.tulalipcasino.com/directions.aspx>.

You are also welcome to participate in this meeting by telephone conference call. The call-in number for the meeting is: (360) 407-3780, participant PIN code 691828#.

We hope you will be able to join us. If you plan to attend the meeting in person or by telephone, please respond to Mike Mowrey. Mike can be reached at 360-725-4656 or [mowrems@dshs.wa.gov](mailto:mowrems@dshs.wa.gov). Please feel free to contact him if you have any questions regarding this meeting.


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Note: The federal Administration for Children and Families, Region 10, is sponsoring a Tribal TANF Conference at the Tulalip Resort-Casino, September 27 – 29. Our WorkFirst re-examination meeting will take place shortly after this Conference concludes on September 29. We'll be in the room next to the room where this Conference is being held.

We appreciate the opportunity to meet with you for this important work.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Troy Hutson" followed by a stylized flourish.

Troy Hutson, Assistant Secretary  
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cc: Susan N. Dreyfus, Secretary  
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